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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

FIG. 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 9A and 9B are amended with line drawings as shown in the attached drawings.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are objected to because of informalities, claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite, and claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jammes et al.

The gist of the instant invention is to provide a mediate software tool for increasing the number of users that can access a SQL database of a server. Accordingly, the mediate software tool comprises an access module for establishing a plurality of instruction accesses between the server and a plurality of client computers. The access module receives and processes access requests to the SQL database from the client computers, builds instruction accesses and transmits the instruction access to a SQL instruction dispatching/receiving module which then sends the requests to the SQL database. As a result, a plurality of virtual channels for access to the SQL database is established for increasing the number of users that can access the SQL database.

The examiner rejects claim 1 on the ground that Jammes discloses an access module by interpreting Jammes's Web Browser 102 and Enhanced Web Browser 112 as the access module. It should be noted that as is well known, a Web Browser is executed in a client computer. Each client computer has its own copy of the Web Browser which is not running in a SQL server. In the instant invention, the access module is part of the mediate software tool executed in the server as clearly claimed in claim 1. Furthermore, the Examiner interprets the Web Server 106 of Jammes' as the SQL instruction dispatching/receiving module. However, a Web Server is very different from

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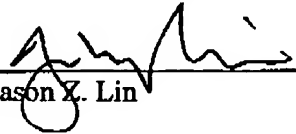
the SQL instruction dispatching/receiving module of the instant invention which dispatches/receives SQL instruction accesses built by the access module. A web server would not recognize any SQL instruction accesses built by the access module of the instant invention.

From the above comparison, applicant respectfully contends that the Examiner's rejection is unwarranted because the instant invention is distinctly different from the art of Jammes et al. Claims 1 is neither disclosed nor anticipated by the Jammes et al. and should be patentable. By virtue of dependency, claims 3-5 should also be patentable. Claim 2 is cancelled.

Drawings FIGs. 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 9A and 9B are amended as line drawings to replace the original drawings that are not eligible. Replacement sheets of the drawings are faxed for approval. To ensure adequate quality for patent publication, they will be submitted by post office mail after the application is allowed.

From the foregoing discussion, it is clear that the instant invention differs from the cited prior arts. The physical difference results in different effects and is not obvious. Claims 1 and 3-5 are also amended to correct a few informalities. They are now in full condition for allowance. The specification has been amended to correct a few editorial and grammatical errors as well as the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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